

REMARKS

Claims 1, 11 and 12 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 2, 4, 6 and 7-10 have been amended. Claims 2-10 and 13-15 remain in the application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

Fig. 9 is objected to under M.P.E.P. § 608.02(g). Reconsideration is respectfully requested. The drawings (Fig. 9) have been amended to overcome the objection. The drawings as amended are believed to be in proper form.

Claims 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. The claims have been amended to overcome the rejection. In particular, the phrase "the second index" in each of dependent claims 7-9 has been changed to "a second index." In addition, claim 10 has been amended so as not to refer to "the information recording method of claim 6," and other changes were also made to claim 10 responsive to the rejection. The claims as amended are believed to be in full compliance with § 112.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-10 and 13-15 is gratefully acknowledged. Allowance of the application as amended is solicited.

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